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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Yoshikazu Kato  
Serial No. : 10/027,973  
Filed : December 21, 2001  
For : INFORMATION RETRIEVAL APPARATUS  
Group A.U. : 2175  
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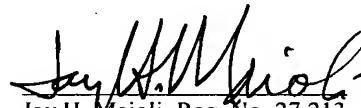
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ Total claims in excess of 20 previously paid for, at \$50 (\$25) \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Independent claims in excess of 3 previously paid for, at \$200 (\$100) \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_ first month, \_\_\_\_ second month, \_\_\_\_ third month, \_\_\_\_ fourth month, \_\_\_\_ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of \_\_\_\_ \$120 (\$60), \_\_\_\_ \$450 (\$225), \$1,020 (\$510), \_\_\_\_ \$1,590 (\$795), \_\_\_\_ \$2,160.00 (\$1,080.00) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ set by 37 C.F.R § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 1, 2004,  
Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as

follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 8 of this Amendment.